

REMARKS

The Section 112 issues have been addressed by removing the referenced phrase “the other end” from claims 1 and 28, and by removing the referenced phrases “bow-like” and “hook-like” from the dependent claims. Claims 13 through 27 having been canceled, the Section 112 issue raised in the office action is now moot.

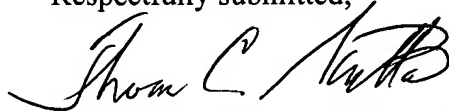
Independent claims 1 and 28 have also been amended to address the Examiner’s concerns regarding the prior art. Limiting language directed at better defining the structure of the invention has been added that obviates the rejections as expressed by the Examiner in the office action based on the German reference ‘293, and therefore a direct response to the particulars of the rejections is not warranted.

In particular, claim 1 now requires, in addition to the limiting language brought in from dependent claims now canceled, that the lip member extend on the same side of the frontal barrier member as the fixed side flange, and that the corner flange be disposed approximately parallel to said fixed side flange when said lip member is extended outwardly. Neither of these limitations is anticipated nor made obvious by the known prior art, expressly including the German reference ‘293.

Claim 28 has been amended to better define the door assembly and by the addition of language similar to claim 1 to better define the four corner guards, as stated in the preceding paragraph, and further by adding language stating that the lip member and the side flange member in combination receive the corner of the door assembly. None of these limitations is anticipated nor made obvious by the known prior art, expressly including the German reference ‘293.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims as originally presented/currently amended are patentable, on the basis of the above remarks, and reconsideration and subsequent passage for allowance is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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